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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON COOPERATION BETWEEN UKRAINIAN FIRM ARSENAL DESIGN BUREAU AND CHINESE AND PAKISTANI ENTITIES OF CONCERN (S)

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM REASONS
1.4 (B), (C), AND (D).

¶1. This is an action request. Embassy Kyiv, please see paragraph 2.

¶2. (S) Background and Action Request: Since November 2007, the U.S. has alerted the Government of Ukraine (GOU) to cooperation between the Ukrainian firm Arsenal Design Bureau and entities associated with China's Sanjiang Space Group (CSSG) (Reftels). In July-August 2008, at the semi-annual U.S.-Ukraine Nonproliferation Working Group (NPWG), we provided Ukraine a non-paper with information indicating that in July 2008, Arsenal was finalizing a contract with a Chinese entity on behalf of CSSG (Ref D). In a separate matter, we advised the GOU that a Pakistani weapons broker was seeking to procure a variety of guidance and control equipment from Arsenal (Ref D). Ukrainian officials agreed to investigate these cases and provide a response. Because we have not received any further information on these matters from Ukraine, we would now like to follow-up with the GOU and request an update on the status of Ukraine's investigation into these cases.

¶3. (U) Washington POC is ISN/MTR Dave Weinstein (Phone: 202-647-4019). Please slug any reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR and EUR/PRA.

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